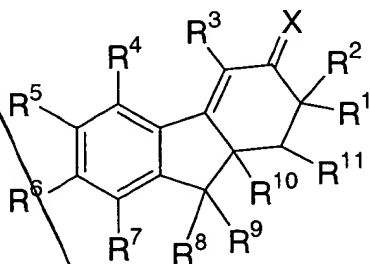


IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the Claim 1 with the clean version provided immediately below to read as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A compound of the formula:



wherein X is selected from the group consisting of: O, N-OR<sup>a</sup>, N-NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup> and C<sub>1</sub>-6 alkylidene, wherein said alkylidene group is unsubstituted or substituted with a group selected from hydroxy, amino, O(C<sub>1</sub>-4alkyl), NH(C<sub>1</sub>-4alkyl), or N(C<sub>1</sub>-4alkyl)<sub>2</sub>;

R<sup>1</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-6alkenyl, and C<sub>2</sub>-6alkynyl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl groups are either unsubstituted or substituted with a group selected from OR<sup>c</sup>, SR<sup>c</sup>, NR<sup>b</sup>R<sup>c</sup>, C(=O)R<sup>c</sup>, C(=O)CH<sub>2</sub>OH, or phenyl, wherein said phenyl group can either be unsubstituted or substituted with 1-3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1</sub>-4alkyl, OH, O(C<sub>1</sub>-4alkyl), NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-4alkyl), NH(C<sub>1</sub>-4alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, halo, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>H, CO<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>1</sub>-4alkyl), C(O)H, and C(O)(C<sub>1</sub>-4alkyl);

R<sup>2</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxy, iodo, O(C=O)R<sup>c</sup>, C(=O)R<sup>c</sup>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-6alkenyl, and C<sub>2</sub>-6alkynyl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl groups are either unsubstituted or substituted with a group selected from OR<sup>c</sup>, SR<sup>c</sup>, NR<sup>b</sup>R<sup>c</sup>, C(=O)R<sup>c</sup>, C(=O)CH<sub>2</sub>OH, or phenyl, wherein said phenyl group can either be unsubstituted or substituted with 1-3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1</sub>-4alkyl, OH, O(C<sub>1</sub>-4alkyl), NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1</sub>-4alkyl), NH(C<sub>1</sub>-4alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, halo, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>H, CO<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>1</sub>-4alkyl), C(O)H, and C(O)(C<sub>1</sub>-4alkyl);

or R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, when taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a carbonyl group;

or R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup>, when taken together, form a C<sub>1-6</sub> alkylidene group, wherein said alkylidene group is either unsubstituted or substituted with a group selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, O(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl), N(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, and phenyl, wherein said phenyl group can either be unsubstituted or substituted with 1-3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, OH, O(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl), NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl), NH(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, halo, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>H, CO<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl), C(O)H, and C(O)(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl);

R<sup>3</sup> is selected from the group consisting of fluoro, chloro, bromo, iodo, cyano, NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>c</sup>, OR<sup>a</sup>, C(=O)R<sup>a</sup>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, CONR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>c</sup>, SR<sup>a</sup>, S(=O)R<sup>a</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup>, C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkyl, 4-7 membered heterocycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, and heteroarylalkyl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl and heteroaryl groups are either unsubstituted or independently substituted with 1, 2 or 3 groups selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo, iodo, cyano, OR<sup>a</sup>, NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>c</sup>, O(C=O)R<sup>a</sup>, O(C=O)NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>c</sup>, NR<sup>a</sup>(C=O)R<sup>c</sup>, NR<sup>a</sup>(C=O)OR<sup>c</sup>, C(=O)R<sup>a</sup>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup>, CONR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>c</sup>, CSNR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>c</sup>, SR<sup>a</sup>, S(O)R<sup>a</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>c</sup>, YR<sup>d</sup>, and ZYR<sup>d</sup>;

R<sup>4</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and fluoro;

R<sup>5</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, bromo, methyl, amino, OR<sup>b</sup>, OR<sup>a</sup>, O(C=O)R<sup>c</sup>, O(C=O)OR<sup>c</sup>, and NH(C=O)R<sup>c</sup>;

R<sup>6</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, bromo, methyl, OR<sup>b</sup>, OR<sup>a</sup>, O(C=O)R<sup>c</sup>, and O(C=O)OR<sup>c</sup>;

R<sup>7</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, OR<sup>b</sup>, NR<sup>b</sup>R<sup>c</sup>, fluoro, chloro, bromo, iodo, cyano, nitro, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl, CF<sub>3</sub>, and CHF<sub>2</sub>;

R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl, and C<sub>2-6</sub>alkynyl, or R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup>, when taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a 3-5 membered cycloalkyl ring,

or R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup>, when taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a carbonyl group;

R<sup>10</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl and heteroarylalkyl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl and heteroarylalkyl groups can be optionally substituted with a group selected from chloro, bromo, iodo, OR<sup>b</sup>, SR<sup>b</sup>, C(=O)R<sup>b</sup>, or 1-5 fluoro,

or R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>1</sup>, when taken together with the three intervening carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a 5-6 membered cycloalkyl or cycloalkenyl ring which can be optionally substituted with 1 or 2 groups selected from oxo, hydroxy, or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl;

R<sup>11</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl;

R<sup>a</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl, and phenyl, wherein said alkyl group can be optionally substituted with a group selected from hydroxy, amino, O(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl), NH(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl), N(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, phenyl, or 1-5 fluoro, and wherein said phenyl groups can either be unsubstituted or substituted with 1-3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, OH, O(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl), NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl), NH(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, halo, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>H, CO<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl), C(O)H, and C(O)(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl);

R<sup>b</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl, benzyl and phenyl, wherein said phenyl group can either be unsubstituted or substituted with 1-3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, OH, O(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl), NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl), NH(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, halo, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>H, CO<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl), C(O)H, and C(O)(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl);

R<sup>c</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl and phenyl, wherein said phenyl group can either be unsubstituted or substituted with 1-3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, OH, O(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl), NH<sub>2</sub>, NH(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl),

NH(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, halo, CN, NO<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>H, CO<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl), C(O)H, and C(O)(C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl);

or R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>c</sup>, whether or not on the same atom, can be taken together with any attached and intervening atoms to form a 4-7 membered ring;

R<sup>d</sup> is selected from the group consisting of NR<sup>b</sup>R<sup>c</sup>, OR<sup>a</sup>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>a</sup>, O(C=O)R<sup>a</sup>, CN, NR<sup>c</sup>(C=O)R<sup>b</sup>, CONR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>c</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>c</sup>, and a 4-7 membered N-heterocycloalkyl ring that can be optionally interrupted by O, S, NR<sup>c</sup>, or C=O;

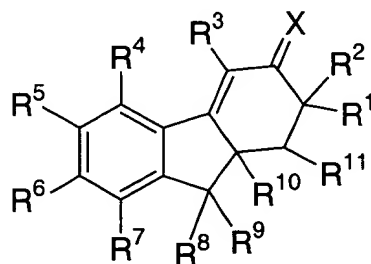
Y is selected from the group consisting of CR<sup>b</sup>R<sup>c</sup>, C<sub>2-6</sub> alkylene and C<sub>2-6</sub> alkenylene, wherein said alkylene and alkenylene linkers can be optionally interrupted by O, S, or NR<sup>c</sup>;

Z is selected from the group consisting of O, S, NR<sup>c</sup>, C=O, O(C=O), (C=O)O, NR<sup>c</sup>(C=O) or (C=O)NR<sup>c</sup>;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

Please amend Claim 2 with the clean version provided immediately below to read as follows:

2. (Twice Amended) A compound of the formula:



wherein X is selected from the group consisting of O and N-OR<sup>a</sup>;

R<sup>1</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, wherein said alkyl group is either unsubstituted or substituted with a group selected from OR<sup>c</sup> or C(=O)R<sup>c</sup>;

R<sup>2</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxy, iodo, and C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, wherein said alkyl group is either unsubstituted or substituted with a group selected from OR<sup>c</sup> or C(=O)R<sup>c</sup>;

R<sup>3</sup> is selected from the group consisting of chloro, bromo, iodo, cyano, C<sub>1</sub>-10alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-10alkenyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, aryl and heteroaryl groups are either unsubstituted or independently substituted with 1, 2 or 3 groups selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo, iodo, cyano, OR<sup>a</sup>, NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>c</sup>, C(=O)R<sup>a</sup>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, NR<sup>a</sup>C(=O)R<sup>c</sup>, CONR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>c</sup>, CSNR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>c</sup>, SR<sup>a</sup>, YR<sup>d</sup>, and ZYR<sup>d</sup>;

R<sup>4</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and fluoro;

R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, fluoro, O(C=O)R<sup>c</sup> and OR<sup>a</sup>;

R<sup>7</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, NR<sup>b</sup>R<sup>c</sup>, chloro, bromo, nitro and C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl;

R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl; or R<sup>8</sup> and R<sup>9</sup>, when taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, form a carbonyl group;

R<sup>10</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-10alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-10alkenyl, C<sub>3</sub>-6cycloalkyl and cycloalkylalkyl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl and cycloalkylalkyl groups can be optionally substituted with a group selected from OR<sup>b</sup>, SR<sup>b</sup>, C(=O)R<sup>b</sup>, or 1-5 fluoro; or R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>1</sup>, when taken together with the three intervening carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a 5-6 membered cycloalkyl ring which can be optionally substituted with C<sub>1</sub>-6alkyl;

R<sup>11</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C<sub>1</sub>-4alkyl;

R<sup>a</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-10alkyl, and phenyl, wherein said alkyl group can be optionally substituted with a group selected from hydroxy, amino, O(C<sub>1</sub>-4alkyl), NH(C<sub>1</sub>-4alkyl), N(C<sub>1</sub>-4alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, phenyl, or 1-5 fluoro;

R<sup>b</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-10alkyl, benzyl and phenyl;

R<sup>c</sup> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and C<sub>1</sub>-10alkyl and phenyl; or R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>c</sup>, whether or not on the same atom, can be taken together with any attached and intervening atoms to form a 4-7 membered ring;

$R^d$  is selected from the group consisting of  $NR^bR^c$ ,  $OR^a$ ,  $CO_2R^a$ ,  $O(C=O)R^a$ ,  $CN$ ,  $NR^c(C=O)R^b$ ,  $CONR^aR^c$ ,  $SO_2NR^aR^c$ , and a 4-7 membered N-heterocycloalkyl ring that can be optionally interrupted by O, S,  $NR^c$ , or  $C=O$ ;

Y is selected from the group consisting of  $CR^bR^c$ ,  $C_{2-6}$  alkylene and  $C_{2-6}$  alkenylene, wherein said alkylene and alkenylene linkers can be optionally interrupted by O, S, or  $NR^c$ ;

Z is selected from the group consisting of O, S,  $NR^c$ ,  $C=O$ ,  $O(C=O)$ ,  $(C=O)O$ ,  $NR^c(C=O)$  or  $(C=O)NR^c$ ;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

Please amend Claim 3 with the clean version provided immediately below to read as follows:

3. (Amended) The compound according to Claim 2, wherein X is selected from the group consisting of O, N-OH and N-OCH<sub>3</sub>, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

Please amend Claim 4 with the clean version provided immediately below to read as follows:

4. (Amended) The compound according to Claim 3, wherein  $R^6$  is selected from the group consisting of  $OR^a$  and  $O(C=O)R^c$  or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

Please amend Claim 5 with the clean version provided immediately below to read as follows:

5. (Amended) The compound according to Claim 4, wherein  $R^3$  is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, chloro, bromo, iodo, cyano,  $C_{1-10}$ alkyl, aryl and heteroaryl, wherein said alkyl, aryl and heteroaryl groups are either unsubstituted or independently substituted with 1, 2 or 3 groups selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo, cyano,  $NR^aR^c$ ,  $C(=O)R^a$ ,  $CO_2R^c$ ,  $CONR^aR^c$ ,  $SR^a$ ,  $YR^d$ , and  $ZYR^d$ , or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

Please amend Claim 5 with the clean version provided immediately below to read as follows:

6. (Amended) The compound according to Claim 1 selected from the group consisting of:

4-bromo-7-hydroxy-9a-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

(3E)-9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one oxime;

9a-[(1E)-1-butenyl]-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

4-bromo-9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

4-bromo-9a-butyl-3-methylene-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydro-1H-fluoren-7-ol;

9a-butyl-4-cyano-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

4-benzyl-9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-4-(2-thienyl)-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-4-{4-[2-(1-piperidinyl)ethoxy]phenyl}-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one hydrochloride;

9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

(2E)-3-[4-(9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-3-oxo-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydro-1H-fluoren-4-yl)phenyl]-2-propenoic acid;

9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-8-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

4-bromo-9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-8-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-4,8-dimethyl-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-8-chloro-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

(2SR,9aSR)-9a-butyl-2,4-dimethyl-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

(2SR,9aRS)-9a-butyl-2,4-dimethyl-7-hydroxy-2-propyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-2,2,4-trimethyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

(2SR,9aRS)-9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-2-iodo-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

(2SR,9aRS)-9a-butyl-2,7-dihydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

(2RS,9aSR)-9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-2-(2-hydroxyethyl)-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

(2SR,9aSR)-2-allyl-9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

(2RS,9aSR)-9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-2-(3-hydroxy-2-oxopropyl)-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

(9SR,9aSR)-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-9-propyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-8-chloro-7-hydroxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

4-acetyl-9a-butyl-8-chloro-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-8-chloro-4-cyano-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-4-ethyl-6-fluoro-7-hydroxy-8-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-8-chloro-6-fluoro-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-8-chloro-4-ethyl-6-fluoro-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

4-bromo-9a-butyl-8-chloro-6-fluoro-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-8-chloro-6-fluoro-7-hydroxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

2-hydroxy-5-methylgibba-1(10a),2,4,4b-tetraen-6-one;

4-bromo-9a-butyl-3-oxo-2,3,9,9a-1H-fluoren-7-yl pivalate;

7-hydroxy-4,9a-dimethyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-ethyl-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

7-hydroxy-4-methyl-9a-propyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

7-hydroxy-9a-isobutyl-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-4-ethyl-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-4-propyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

4,9a-dibutyl-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-4-chloro-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-4-iodo-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-4-trifluoromethyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-4-phenyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-4-(2-furyl)-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

7-hydroxy-9a-(3-iodopropyl)-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

7-hydroxy-4-methyl-9a-(2-methyl-1-propenyl)-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-4-{4-[2-(dimethylamino)ethoxy]phenyl}-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one hydrochloride;

9a-butyl-4-{4-[2-(diethylamino)ethoxy]phenyl}-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one hydrochloride;

9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-4-{4-[2-(1-pyrrolidinyl)ethoxy]phenyl}-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one hydrochloride;

9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-4-{4-[2-(4-morpholinyl)ethoxy]phenyl}-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one hydrochloride;

9a-butyl-4-{4-[3-(dimethylamino)propoxy]phenyl}-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one hydrochloride;

9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-4-{4-[3-(1-piperidinyl)propoxy]phenyl}-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one hydrochloride;

(3*E*)-9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one *O*-methyloxime;

(2*SR*,9a*SR*)-9a-butyl-2-ethyl-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

(2*SR*,9a*SR*)-9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-2-propyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

(2*SR*,9a*SR*)-9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-propyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

(2*SR*,9a*SR*)-4,9a-dibutyl-7-hydroxy-2-propyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

(2*SR*,9a*SR*)-4-bromo-9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-2-propyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

(2*RS*,9a*SR*)-9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-2-(2-oxoethyl)-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

(2*SR*,9a*SR*)-2,9a-dibutyl-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

(2*RS*,9a*RS*)-9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-2,4-dimethyl-2-propyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-2,2-dipropyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-2,2-dipropyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

(2*SR*,9a*RS*)-9a-butyl-2,7-dihydroxy-4-methyl-2-propyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

4-bromo-9a-butyl-2,2-diethyl-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

(2SR,9aSR)-7-hydroxy-2,4,9a-trimethyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

(2SR,9aSR)-7-hydroxy-4,9a-dimethyl-2-propyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

(2SR,9aSR)-9a-butyl-8-chloro-2-ethyl-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

8-chloro-9a-ethyl-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

8-bromo-9a-ethyl-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-ethyl-7-hydroxy-4,8-dimethyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

8-chloro-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-9a-propyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

8-bromo-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-9a-propyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

7-hydroxy-4,8-dimethyl-9a-propyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

8-chloro-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-9a-[(1E)-1-propenyl]-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

8-bromo-9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-4,8-dimethyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-8-nitro-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

8-amino-9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-8-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-8-methyl-4-{4-[2-piperidinyl)-ethoxy]phenyl}-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

4-bromo-7-hydroxy-9a-propyl-1*H*-fluorene-3,9(2*H*,9a*H*)-dione;

4,8-dibromo-7-hydroxy-9a-propyl-1*H*-fluorene-3,9(2*H*,9a*H*)-dione;

4-bromo-9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-6-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-8-chloro-4-methyl-3-oxo-2,3,9,9a-tetrahydro-1*H*-fluoren-7-yl pivalate;

9a-butyl-6,8-difluoro-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-4-ethyl-6,8-difluoro-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

4-bromo-9a-butyl-6,8-difluoro-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

8-bromo-9a-butyl-4-chloro-6,8-difluoro-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

9a-butyl-4,8-dibromo-6-fluoro-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

9a-ethyl-6-fluoro-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

9a-ethyl-6,8-difluoro-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

8-chloro-9a-ethyl-6-fluoro-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

8-bromo-9a-ethyl-6-fluoro-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

9a-ethyl-6-fluoro-7-hydroxy-4,8-dimethyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

4,9a-diethyl-6,8-difluoro-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

4-bromo-8-chloro-9a-ethyl-6-fluoro-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

4-bromo-8-chloro-9a-(cyclopentylmethyl)-6-fluoro-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

9a-ethyl-5-fluoro-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

8-bromo-9a-ethyl-5-fluoro-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

9a-ethyl-6,7-dihydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

8-bromo-9a-ethyl-6,7-dihydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

9a-ethyl-6-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

9a-ethyl-6-hydroxy-4-vinyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

4-allyl-9a-ethyl-6-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

2-hydroxy-5-methyl-7,8,9,10-tetrahydro-7,10a-methanocycloocta[*a*]inden-6(11*H*)-one;

7-amino-4-bromo-9a-butyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

7-amino-4,8-dibromo-9a-ethyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

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Please add the following new claims:

22. (New) The compound of Claim 6 which is 9a-ethyl-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

23. (New) The compound of Claim 6 which is 9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

24. (New) The compound of Claim 6 which is 4-bromo-9a-butyl-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

25. (New) The compound of Claim 6 which is 9a-butyl-8-chloro-7-hydroxy-4-methyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

26. (New) The compound of Claim 6 which is 9a-butyl-8-chloro-4-cyano-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

27. (New) The compound of Claim 6 which is 9a-ethyl-6-fluoro-7-hydroxy-4,8-dimethyl-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

28. (New) The compound of Claim 6 which is 4-bromo-8-chloro-9a-ethyl-6-fluoro-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

29. (New) The compound of Claim 6 which is 4-bromo-9a-butyl-8-chloro-6-fluoro-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3H-fluoren-3-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

30. (New) The compound of Claim 6 which is 9a-butyl-8-chloro-6-fluoro-7-hydroxy-4-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

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31. (New) The compound of Claim 6 which is 4-bromo-8-chloro-9a-(cyclopentylmethyl)-6-fluoro-7-hydroxy-1,2,9,9a-tetrahydro-3*H*-fluoren-3-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or stereoisomer thereof.

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